



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

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## JOINT PUBLIC POLICY (JPP) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2010

**Approved**  
**1/21/2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	HIV EPI AND OAPP STAFF	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Lee Kochems, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Whitney Engeran-Cordova, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Miki Jackson	Elizabeth Escobedo	Julie Cross
Kyle Baker	Jim Chud	Terry Smith		Jane Nachazel
Carrie Broadus	Ron Osorio			Craig Vincent-Jones
Jeffrey Goodman	Chris Villa			Nicole Werner
Stephen Simon				
Kathy Watt				

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Kochems called the meeting to order at 1:55 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION #1:** Approve the Agenda Order, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**  
**MOTION #2:** Approve the 1/20/2010 Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee Meeting Minutes, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
5. **COMMITTEE COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
6. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:**
  - JPP was charged at the March Commission meeting with initiating an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a response to the Legislative Analyst Office report on surveillance and the subsequent response to it by the Office of AIDS.
  - The Ad Hoc Committee held a conference call over the weekend. A letter is being drafted which is planned as a joint response from the Commission and the Department of Public Health. It was expected to be finalized by early the following week.
7. **PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES DOCKET:**
  - A. **Review of 2010 Pending Legislation:**
    - Mr. Kochems said AB 1150 and SB 238 were removed from the docket as JPP previously has not considered them.
    - Mr. Vincent-Jones noted JPP legislative positions are: oppose, support, postpone, watch (identified interest) and no action (possible interest). All can be amended, e.g., support preferably with, or only with, a particular amendment.
    - ➡ Recommended positions will be presented for approval/consideration to the Commission on April 8, 2010 as follows:

Priority*	State Legislation	Author(s)	Subject Matter/Topic(s)	Recommended Position
	▪ AB 52	Portantino	Umbilical Cord Blood Collection Program	<u>Support</u> : Enhances availability of stem cells for transplant and research.
	▪ AB 562	Cook	Health care coverage: report of claim information	<u>Oppose</u> : Allows employers with 50 or more employees to request aggregate insurance claim cost data and coded cost/service data for those with \$15,000+ claims in last 12 months.
	▪ AB 664	Skinner	Workers compensation: hospital employees: presumption	<u>Support</u> : Expands Workers' Compensation for hospital employees for bloodborne infections, neck or back impairment, or MRSA.
	▪ AB 1044	Jones	Continuing care retirement communities	<u>No action</u> : Defer for later discussion on relevance to housing for aging PWH.
	▪ AB 1076	Jones	Medi-Cal	<u>Postpone</u> : Review new language as available.
	▪ AB 1262	Audra Strickland	Sales and use taxes: exemptions: charitable organizations	<u>Watch</u> : Reduces taxes collected unknown amount. Large charities like Goodwill already exempt. County opposes tax cuts.
	▪ AB 1682	Torres	State and local law enforcement records: arrested individual/victim: disclosure change from address to resident city	<u>Eliminate from docket</u> : Not HIV-relevant.
★	▪ AB 1694	Beall	Alcohol-Related Services Program	<u>Support</u> : Increases alcohol seller fees to fund alcohol abuse programs including to PWHIV
	AB 1701	Chesbro	Hypodermic needles and syringes	<u>Support</u> if amended to reflect SB 1029
★	▪ AB 1858	Blumenfield /Monning	Bloodborne disease prevention: sterile	<u>Support</u> : Lifts 2010 sunset; expands from 10 to 30 syringes that can be furnished/possessed.

				syringes and needles	Companion to SB 1029.
★	▪	AB 1864	Audra Strickland/ Galgiani	Medi-Cal: HIV drug treatment: developmental services: provider reimbursement	<u>Support:</u> Ensures HIV drug treatment and developmental services provider reimbursement if budget not passed or deficiency in Medi-Cal budget.
★	▪	AB 1868	Jones	Disability reform: insurance	<u>Support:</u> Prohibits discretionary clauses used to limit eligibility or interpret policy terms.
★	▪	AB 1966	Fletcher	Medi-Cal: federally qualified health centers (FQHC) and rural health clinics (RHC): obstetrics	<u>Support:</u> Allows Medi-Cal fee-for-service reimbursement to FQHCs and RHCs for inpatient obstetrical services.
	▪	AB 2091	Conway	Public agency records: information security: disclosure exemption	<u>Eliminate from docket:</u> Not HIV-relevant.
★	▪	AB 2110	De La Torre	Disability insurance: premiums: grace periods	<u>Support:</u> Extends non-weekly premium minimum grace period to 50 days.
	▪	AB 2590	Bonnie Lowenthal	AIDS healthcare: AIDS testing: disclosure of results	<u>Watch:</u> Designed to increase opt-in State contracted disease management by opening contractor access to HIV test results. Agencies sending questions on bill to Medi-Cal.
	▪	AB 2645	Chesbro	Mental health: skilled nursing facilities (SNF): reimbursement rate	<u>Watch:</u> Freezes SNF rate at 7/1/2009 consistent with nursing homes. Ask DMH for recommendations. County likely to support.
	▪	AB 2762	Comm. on Housing/ Community Develop.	Housing and community development: housing omnibus bill	<u>Watch:</u> Potential for expanding affordable housing. Get more information.
	▪	AJR 13	Ammiano	Joint resolution: blood donation(s)	<u>Support:</u> Requests President encourage HHS to remove blood donation restrictions on gay, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual men.
	▪	AJR 17	Swanson	Joint resolution: HIV/AIDS health disparities	<u>Support:</u> Urges President and HHS to take specific actions to reduce HIV/AIDS health disparities.
★	▪	SB 227	Alquist	Health care coverage: MRMIP (Major Risk)	<u>Support:</u> Increases funding, coverage and availability of MRMIP. Consistent with JPP position last year.
★	▪	SB 810	Leno	The California Universal Health Care Act	<u>Support:</u> Single-payer, universal care plan. Has been passed and vetoed for three years.
★	▪	SB 1029	Yee	HIV and Hepatitis prevention: sterile syringes	<u>Support:</u> Lifts 2010 sunset; expands from 10 to 30 syringes that can be furnished/possessed. Companion to AB 1858.
★	▪	SB 1069	Pavley/ Fletcher	Additional medical authority for Physician Assistants (PAs)	<u>Support:</u> Allows PAs to do more routine medical duties under physician supervision.
★	▪	SB 1169	Alan Lowenthal	Health care coverage: mental health care claims: prior authorization: mental health	<u>Support:</u> Supports access by tracking claims and requiring physical and mental health treatment standard parity. Similar to vetoed AB 244 supported by JPP.
★	▪	SJR 14	Mark Leno	Joint resolution: use of marijuana for medical purposes	<u>Support:</u> Urges end to federal raids and creation of medical marijuana policy. Consistent with past JPP position.

\* The Committee recommends those bills identified with a★as high-priority legislation to emphasize in the upcoming year.

8. **STATE BUDGET:** This item postponed.

9. **HEALTH REFORM:** This item postponed.
10. **HIV SURVEILLANCE:** This item postponed.
11. **WORK PLAN:** This item postponed.
12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no announcements.
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm. Co-Chair elections and an update on HIV and County jails by Carlos Vega-Matos, Office of AIDS Programs and Planning, are planned for the April meeting.